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TOMOYUKI TAKEDA, et al.)
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Filed: October 16, 2001)
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For: APPARATUS WITH COMMUNICA-)
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CONTROLLING APPARATUS, AND)
STORAGE MEDIUM STORING)
PROGRAM FOR CONTROLLING)
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants' respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

U.S. Patent 5,720,014
U.S. Patent 6,134,017

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an

independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention.

Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

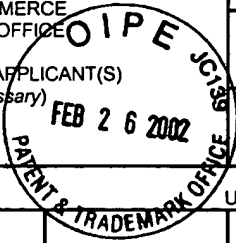


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